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DTSC will also receive questions and comments at the open house and public meeting on November 12, 2003 at Ross Hall in Bell Gardens. See front page of this fact sheet for additional information.

WHERE TO FIND SITE DOCUMENTS

The proposed removal action plan is described in the document titled "Draft Removal Action Workplan for Locomotive Air Services, Inc. (LASI)." An Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration was prepared to determine if the removal action activities may have a significant effect on the environment. The draft RAW and Proposed Negative Declaration is available for public review at the following Information Repositories:

Bell Gardens Library
7110 S. Garfield Avenue
Bell Gardens, California 90201
(562) 927-1309

Commerce Central Library
5655 Jillson Street
Commerce, California 90040
(323) 722-6660

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WHO TO CALL AT OUR AGENCY

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For more information about the Department of Toxic Substances Control, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

NOTICE TO HEARING IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS

TDD users can use the California Relay Service (1-888-877-5378) to reach DTSC Project Manager, Daniel Zogaib at (714) 484-5483.

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DTSC is one of six Boards and Departments with in the California Environmental Protection Agency. The Department's mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environmental quality and economic vitality, by regulating hazardous waste, conducting and overseeing cleanups, and developing and promoting pollution prevention.

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LOCOMOTIVE AIR SERVICES, INC.
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS CHROME CRANKSHAFT COMPANY)
BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA



PLEASE COMMENT ON REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN

INTRODUCTION:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites the public to review and comment on a proposed removal action plan. The proposed plan is to demolish the building structure where Chrome Crankshaft Company conducted metal plating activities. The two acre site is located at 6845 East Florence Place, in a mixed use area of light manufacturing and residential. Suva Elementary School and Suva Intermediate School are adjacent to the site. The proposed plan, called a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) consists of cleaning the building's interior, removing waste materials, demolishing above-ground portions of the building and placing an asphalt cap over the site. The proposed removal action, an interim measure, is needed to clear the site for further study.

THIS FACT SHEET TELLS YOU:

- What we found
- How and when we plan to do the work
- How you can provide us comments on the plan
- Where to find site documents
- Who you can contact for more information

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

October 24, 2003 to November 24, 2003

We invite you to provide us with your comments and questions about the proposed plan, known as a draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) and Negative Declaration. The public comment period begins October 24, 2003 and ends November 24, 2003. Inside this fact sheet we provide information on who to write or e-mail your comments to, and where to find technical reports that provide detailed information.

OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC MEETING

We will host an open house and public meeting to receive your comments and answer any questions or concerns about the proposed removal action. The open house is an opportunity to informally discuss the project and interact with DTSC staff one-on-one. The public meeting is an opportunity to learn more about the project and to give us your comments. Please join us on:

Open House: Wednesday,
November 12, 2003, 5:00PM to 6:30PM

Public Meeting: Wednesday,
November 12, 2003, at 6:30PM

At
Ross Hall
6662 Loveland Avenue
Bell Gardens, California 90201



Photo shows where chrome plating activities formerly took place.

CHEMICALS FOUND

The primary contaminant of concern resulting from chrome plating activities is hexavalent chromium, referred to as chromium 6. Chromium 6 is used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning and wood preserving. A number of studies and site activities indicate chromium 6 is in the soil, groundwater and in the building.

HOW AND WHEN WE PLAN TO DO THE WORK

The proposed removal action includes:

- Surveying the building to determine if any building materials are hazardous
- Removing waste materials
- Cleaning the building
- Taking wipe and concrete samples for chromium 6
- Removing asbestos, lead-based paint (if the survey indicates these materials are present)
- Disassembling the roof

- Demolishing the above-ground portions of the building
- Removing the above-ground storage tank
- Removal of a clarifier and underground storage tank
- Placing an asphalt cap over the site

Resulting debris will be loaded into covered trucks and transported to an authorized disposal facility.

Preparation Activities and Building Demolition

Preparation activities will be conducted (during regular business hours) prior to demolishing the building. These activities include:

- Utility clearance
- Installation of an eight (8) foot high fence with a visual barrier
- Cleaning the building's interior
- Disassembling and lowering the roof to inside the walls of the building (this preparation activity will be conducted after school hours)

Following preparation activities, building demolition is anticipated to begin during the Suva School's winter break period, (December 22, 2003, to January 5, 2004). If building demolition activities extend beyond that date, especially if rainy weather impacts the work schedule, it will not be conducted during school hours. Demolition work will be conducted between Monday and Friday, and if necessary extend into Saturdays. For safety, a security guard will be onsite during non-working hours.

DEALING WITH DUST AND NOISE

The building demolition and site capping activities will result in a small amount of dust and occasional noise. To protect on-site workers and the surrounding community, preparation work and building demolition work will occur according to an approved Health and Safety Plan. To suppress dust and minimize noise the following will be conducted:

- Cleaning interior walls of contamination
- Removal of dust from interior surfaces using a vacuum
- Misting the work area with water to reduce air emissions
- Monitoring the air to ensure work proceeds at a safe level
- Halting work (when necessary) when wind exceeds acceptable speeds
- Brushing truck tires of soil, if any, prior to leaving the site
- Cleaning the street (Florence Place) of soil, if any, when trucks leave the site

HOW IT GOT THERE

Chrome Crankshaft Company, Inc., (CCC) operated a chrome plating facility from 1963 to January 1999 resulting in soil and groundwater contamination. CCC closed its chrome plating operations in 1999. Thereafter, the company changed its name to Locomotive Air Services, Inc., (LASI) and used the building for a short time to refurbish locomotive air conditioning units. These operations did not involve chrome plating or the use of hazardous materials. In 2001, LASI ceased its operations and the building is currently vacant.

WE NEED YOUR COMMENTS

Before we make a decision on the proposed Removal Action Workplan, we want you to review the plan and give us your comments. After the close of the public comment period, we will evaluate your comments and, as applicable, make changes to the removal action workplan. To document our evaluation each comment, and our response, is recorded in the document titled Response to Comments. This document is mailed to everyone who submits comments.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

DTSC requires government agencies to review all proposed projects such as environmental cleanup work to determine if the cleanup process itself will have a harmful effect on public health or the environment. For this project, an Initial Study determined the proposed removal action will not have adverse environmental impact. Therefore, a "Negative Declaration" is proposed. This determination and the supporting Initial Study are included in project documents available for public review at the Information Repositories. See next page for Information Repositories' location.

HOW TO GIVE US YOUR COMMENTS

The 30-day public comment period begins on October 24, 2003 and ends on November 24, 2003, during which time you can review our proposed removal action workplan and send your comments and/or questions. You may also e-mail your comments to DTSC (see page 6 for contact information). All comments must be postmarked or e-mailed by November 24, 2003, and sent to: